

Of the Wing: The Legend Awakes

Vocabulary and Discussion

Chapter 7: Defending Her Own

Vocabulary

eccentric p 75 — (adj) the opposite of ordinary or typical

custody rights p 76 — (noun) a right given a parent or guardian to take legal responsibility of a child

consolation p 78 — (noun) comfort

transfixed p 81 — (verb) fascinated

conspirators p 84 — (noun) individuals acting together to do something illegal or wrong

List below any additional words new to your vocabulary:

Discussion

- 1) Explain how the title of this chapter relates to its content.
- 2) Why does Claire follow Big Red to the widow Whiner's?
- 3) Was Claire right, wrong (or something else entirely) to have thrown a rock at Clyde? Defend your answer with reasons.
- 4) Why, at the end of the chapter, are Clyde and Claire co-conspirators? Explain their wrong behavior.

Chapter 8: Lost in the Snow

Vocabulary

beseeking p 85 — (adj) pleading or begging

teetered p 86 — (verb) attempting to balance

sanctuary p 86 — (noun) place of safety

congenial p 87 — (adj) friendly

entice p 87 — (verb) attract

intoxicating p 87 — (adj) stimulating or exciting

obliterating p 91 — (verb) destroying

haunches p 93 — (noun) hip, buttock, and upper thigh

predicament p 94 — (noun) difficult situation

List any additional words new to your vocabulary below:

Discussion

- 1) What kind of person is the widow Whiner? Consider not only what she says and does but also how she looks.
- 2) Why did Billy take Sammy to his original owner?
- 3) What alarmed Claire about the broken down school bus?
- 4) Claire rescues Sammy and is then rescued by Jerry and her mother. What specific language does the author use to “connect” these two rescues? How are they emotionally similar?

Chapter 9: One Survives

Vocabulary

discriminating p 100 — (adjective) able to distinguish differences

plaguing p 103— (verb) to cause worry or distress

escapade p 103 — (noun) adventure

meandering p 104 — (adjective) rambling

converged p 104 — (verb) flow together to one point

inevitable p 104 — (noun) something that will happen

harass p 104 — (verb) to bother or pester

malevolent p 105 — (adjective) wicked

adrenaline p 105 — (noun) hormone that stimulates the body

List any additional words new to your vocabulary below:

Discussion

- 1) Did Claire have cause to push Billy to the ground? Do you think she planned to do this?
- 2) Why doesn't Claire take the opportunity Victor provides to tell all of Billy's bad deeds?
- 3) Why does Victor continue to reject Claire's request to be told his Cochiti name?

Chapter 10: The Glass Eye

Vocabulary

vexed p 109 — (verb) irritated or annoyed

rustic p 109 — (adj) possessing a simple, rural quality

brooding p 109 — (verb) sulking

obstinately p 110 — (adv) stubbornly

bemused p 111 (adj) perplexed

inquisitively p 112 (adv) curiously

reproachfully p 113 (adv) disapprovingly

privy p 114 (adj) knowledgeable of something secret

binge p 114 (noun) a session of over eating or drinking

lamented p 116 (verb) to express doubt or sadness

List any additional words new to your vocabulary below:

Discussion

- 1) In what ways are Claire and Billy similar? Think of all the things they have in common.
- 2) Why is Claire upset to learn that Billy has shown Victor his glass eye?
- 3) Why does Claire brag to Victor about hitting Clyde Hollow in the head with a rock?

Chapter 11: Search for the Snowy Owl

Vocabulary

tundra p 120 — (noun) “A treeless area between the icecap and the tree line of Arctic regions, having permanently frozen subsoil and supporting low-growing vegetation such as lichens, mosses, and stunted shrubs” (Answers.com)

lemmings p 120 — (noun) a hamster-like rodent of the sub Arctic

unrepentant p 123 — (adj) not sorry

reverently p 123 — (adv) respectfully

devotees p 123 — (noun) people devoted to a religion or cause

placid p 123 — (adj) calm

List any additional words new to your vocabulary below:

Discussion

- 1) Why does Claire want to find a Snowy Owl?
- 2) In the scene describing Claire and Victor’s encounter with the Snowy Owl, why does the author use language associated with religion (shrine, reverently, devotees)?
- 3) Claire wore the Snowy Owl sweatshirt to test her ability to draw in birds. But after the encounter, she’s still isn’t convinced. Why not?

Chapter 12: A Foiled Abduction

Vocabulary

foiled p 125 — (verb) blocked or hindered

banter p 125 — (noun) friendly, teasing conversation

diverging p 126 — (adj) moving apart

crocuses p 130 — (noun) early spring flowers (from bulbs)

balustrades p 130 — (noun) a sturdy, often ornate wall-like railing

goad p 130 — (verb) to prod or push or provoke

inert p 131— (adj) motionless

deranged p 131— (adj) mentally disturbed

contorted p 131— (adj) twisted

List any additional words new to your vocabulary below:

Discussion

- 1) Explain the different reasons for constant tension in Claire and Victor's relationship.
- 2) Billy is both afraid AND protective of his father who comes to take him from school. Can you explain why?
- 3) What helps Claire overcome her fear enough to steal the keys from Hollow's truck? Consider as many reasons as you can.